Recruitment Policy

1511. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government Departments and cosy undertakings usually inform the vacancies and recruit the staff through the Employment Exchange of State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the usual practice followed by the Central Government Departments therefor;

(c) whether any change has been effected for the recruitment policy of various Government agencies and Departments;

(d) whether Government consider to notify the Central Government vacancies having contract nature to the concerned State Government Employment Exchanges and observe a transparent recruitment procedure; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) to (c) All the Central Government Departments as well as the Public Sector Undertakings notify vacancies to the Employment Exchanges as per the Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959. For recruitment of officials, the establishment is to consider the candidates nominated by the Employment Exchanges and also the candidates responding to the advertisement published by them in the Employment News.

(d) and (e) As per the Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959, all vacancies, in an establishment covered under the Act, the total duration of which is three months or more, are to be notified to the Employment Exchanges.

Interest Rate of EPF

1512. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rate of interest on EPF has been ratified by the Finance Ministry for year 2001 to 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ratified rates of interest are as per the recommendations of EPF Board/Labour Ministry; and

(d) if not, the action proposed to be taken by the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) to (d) The Government has not issued any notification in respect of rate of interest to be paid to EPF members for the year 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 so far.

Setting up of New ITIs

†1513. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received so far from State Governments for the upgradation of ITIs as per the announcement made by Honourable Prime Minister with regard to upgradation of 500 ITIs;

(b) whether Government of Himachal Pradesh has also requested to upgrade certain ITIs of the State;

(c) if so, when such request was made; and

(d) the target in terms of numbers fixed for setting up of more new Industrial Training Institutes during the current Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) Central Government would provide assistance to the State/UT Governments to upgrade 500 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in a phased manner. So far, proposals for upgradation of 265 ITIs have been received from the State/UT Governments. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme has been taken up for upgradation of 100 ITIs in the 1st phase.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) August, 2004.

(d) New ITIs are established either by State Governments or by private sector. However, 23 new ITIs in the North-Eastern States, Sikkim and Jammu & Kashmir would be set up under a special Centrally Sponsored Scheme during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.